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State Social Welfare Advisory Board.

* 1659 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of subsidy so far given by the Government to the State Social Welfare Advisory Board; and

(*b*) what are its achievements?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Rupees 22,181–5–0.

" (*b*) The State Social Welfare Advisory Board, which commenced its work from 16th July 1954 has started 12 Welfare Extension Projects consisting of 47 centres in the State. These projects cover 237 villages. Hundred and thirteen persons have been employed in various fields in these projects. Hundred and seventy applications were received by the Board so far from non-official institutions for financial assistance from the Central Social Welfare Board out of which 125 applications have been recommended to the Central Board."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know what is the control exercised by the Government over the moneys which the Government disburse through these organisations? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, these grants are made only on the specific recommendations of Collectors of the districts concerned and the Collectors do exercise all necessary control over expenditure."

Sri C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are any male members on this Board or whether it is exclusively reserved for women? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Kundah Hydro-Electric Scheme.

* 1660 *Q.*—Sri K. H. BOMMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Kundah power project will be taken up for execution this year; and

(*b*) if not, when?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The approval of the Planning Commission for inclusion of the Kundah Hydro-Electric Scheme in the First Five-Year Plan is awaited. The scheme will be taken up for execution as soon as the Planning Commission's approval therefor has been received."